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Applicant : Vroman
Appl. No. : 09/518,554
Filed : March 3, 2000
For : MICRONIZED VITAMIN C
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2001, please amend the above-captioned Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** Claims 1-22 without prejudice to further prosecution.

Please **AMEND** Claim 23 so that it reads as follows:

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23. A method of providing one or more of the following treatments to a mammal in need of such treatment: UV protection, ^{treatment} removal and prevention of wrinkles, or stimulating collagen production in a mammal, said method comprising,

identifying a mammal in need of such treatment, and
topically applying to said mammal a composition comprising ~~greater than~~ ^{at least 50} approximately 25% L-ascorbic acid, by weight, and a non-aqueous carrier, wherein the composition has a pH of greater than that of said mammal's skin.